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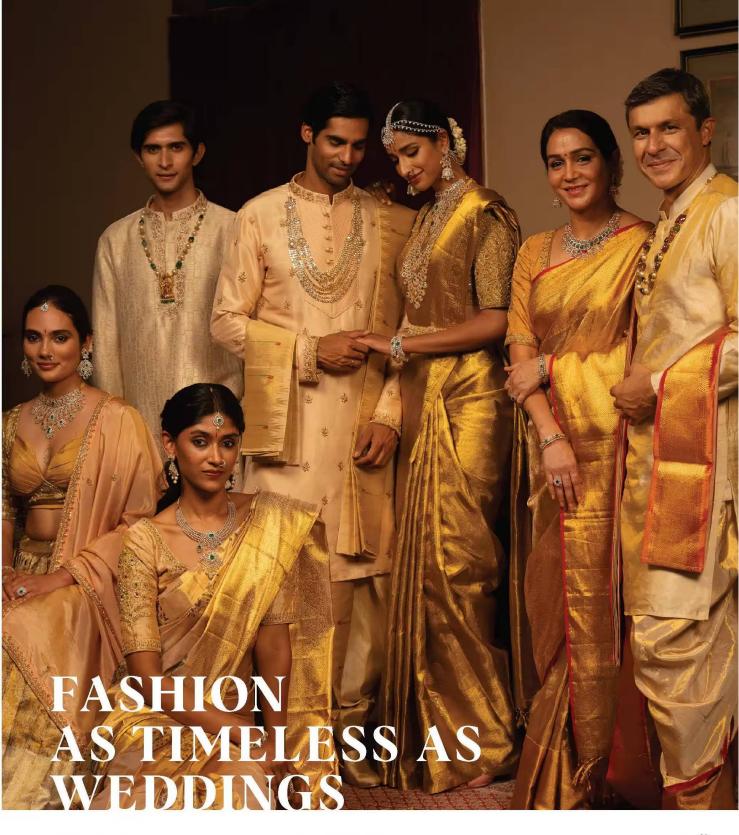
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Celebrations of heritage and rich and ancient culture continue in the Outbound section, in which we fly you to Uzbekistan, a vibrant country in Central Asia. Come with us as we travel around spectacular mosques and monuments along the famous Silk Road cities of Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva.

In AceCorner, Indian tradition meets global design as we celebrate the young ideas of London-based designer Manimekala Fuller, who says she wants to partner with women artisans in India to create clothes that will support and revitalise traditional crafts.

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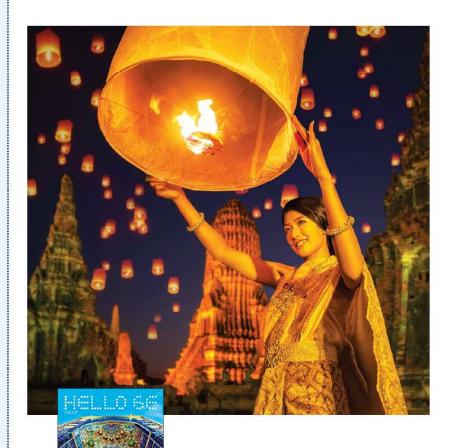
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& Across New Frontiers.' Since IndiGo's inception, our mission has been to connect the vast and diverse India, supporting social cohesion, mobility, and economic progress. We are now taking further steps to expand our international network, aligning with our unwavering commitment to give wings to the nation.

I joined the wonderful IndiGo team just last year in the capacity of Head of Global Sales. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we emerged more resilient, and our operations have been running at an all-time high. Our 6E family has grown, and it's thanks to your unwavering support and trust that we stand as leaders in the domestic market. Our reach to our Corporate and SME customers too has broadened and their continued patronage infuses increased confidence in us. With a fleet exceeding 330 aircraft, we operate over 1,900 daily flights, connecting 116 destinations within India and overseas.

Spreading our wings to touch more foreign shores

In the last six months, IndiGo has significantly expanded its global reach through a series of new destination launches, route introductions, and partnerships. This provides a vast array of super exciting opportunities for customers travelling to and from India, as well as those transiting through the country. We have strategically expanded our international network and launched new and unique routes. You can now explore alluring destinations such as Jakarta, Nairobi, Almaty, Tashkent, Baku, and even Tbilisi. With these destinations, IndiGo has marked its foray in Central Asia and Africa, while bolstering its presence in Southeast Asia, by enhancing frequencies to multiple destinations such as Singapore, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and reintroducing flights to Hong Kong.

Furthermore, IndiGo has strong codeshare partnerships with airlines such as Turkish Airlines, Qantas, Air France, KLM, American Airlines, Qatar Airways, Virgin Atlantic, and British Airways, expanding our routes and linking us to many more destinations in Europe, the UK, USA, and Australia. This has truly put us on the global map and has made IndiGo a more valued and trusted brand for our customers and travel partners. We have also started operations on two wide-body (B777) to Istanbul (under the TK codeshare) offering enhanced options.



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At present, IndiGo operates more than 49,000 domestic flights each month, the highest for any carrier in the country. In the recent months, we have expanded our domestic network to include multiple new destinations bearing in mind our customers travel preferences, demand, and convenience. Notable additions include Diu, Salem, Jharsuguda, Jaisalmer, Shivamogga, Khajuraho, and earlier Nashik and Dharamshala, bringing our domestic destinations to 84. This

expansion increases our point-to-point connectivity across the country enabling air travel to and from large, medium, and even smaller cities across India, giving wings to many first-time flyers as well. This, in a nutshell, is what we term as 'India by IndiGo.'

Dedicated to deliver our customer promise

Our primary goal is to unlock the full potential of air travel by improving accessibility and offering affordable, on-time, courteous, and hassle-free experience to our customers. With the adoption of DigiYatra at certain cities like Kolkata, Delhi, Bengaluru, Varanasi, among others, we're helping usher Indian aviation into a digital-first era, making the whole experience contactless and efficient.

Saving time and making your flying experience seamless is our priority. Fast Forward Service 'FFWD' service enables passengers to do priority check-in and skip the queue to board the flight anytime prior to closure of the boarding gate. IndiGo leads the way as the first airline to offer Self-baggage drop facility at the Delhi airport. This innovation by Delhi airport has helped streamlining the service, ensuring quick and smooth check-ins for our passengers.

Our 6E Eats menu too has been revamped and features brand new regional favourites inspired from the streets and kitchens of India. This quick service menu has been designed to present new options, while driving improved service efficiency and reducing wastage. Also adding to the overall experience are a host of exciting initiatives like our collaboration with Sula and Fratelli Vineyards offering exclusively curated holiday experiences and several other sales and promotions for our customers as well as travel agency partners.

Blue skies ahead

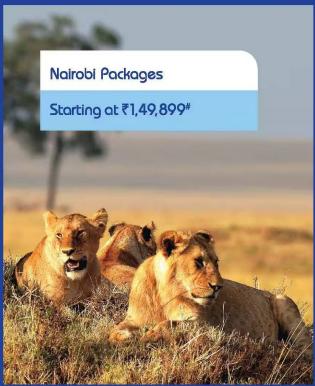
With the incredible growth potential that Indian aviation offers and with people travelling much more than they used to, this is an exciting time for the sector. As the company looks towards the future, we will continue to develop on the domestic network and reassure an unparalleled connectivity as we strive to create a global presence as part of our strategy. And, as IndiGo soars higher, we remain dedicated to serving you with pride and elevating your flying experience.

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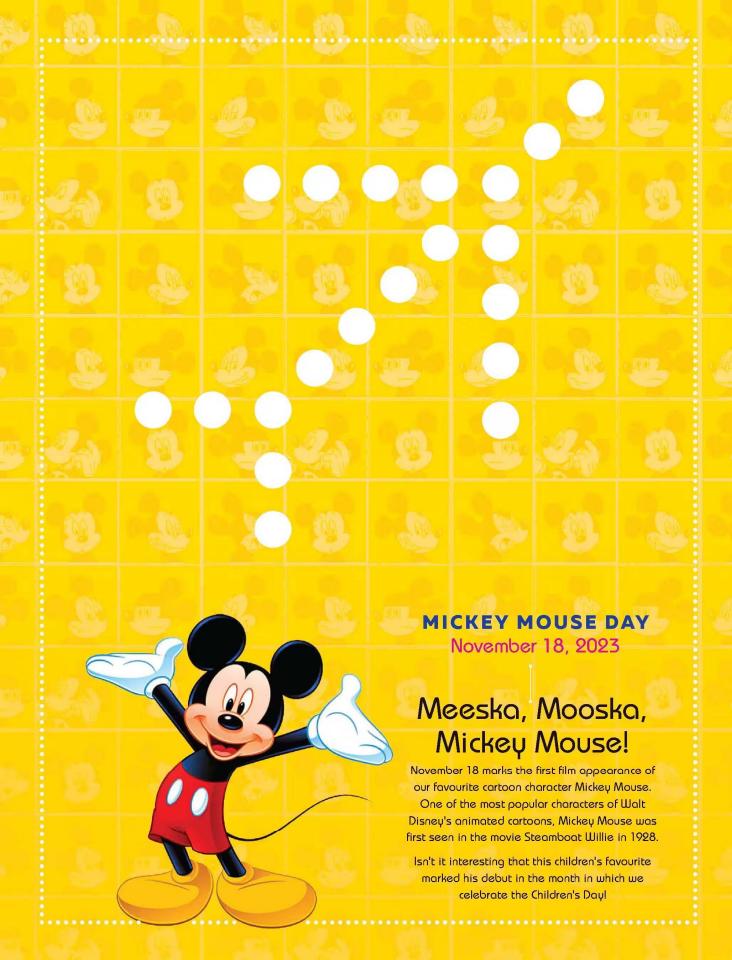
















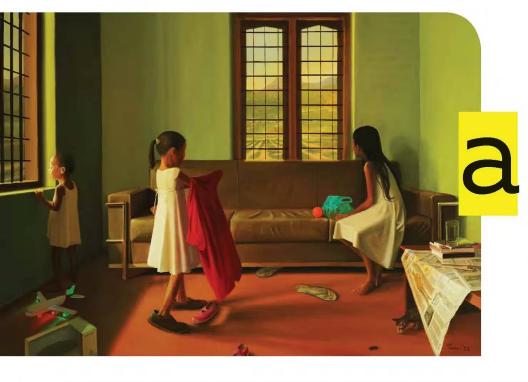
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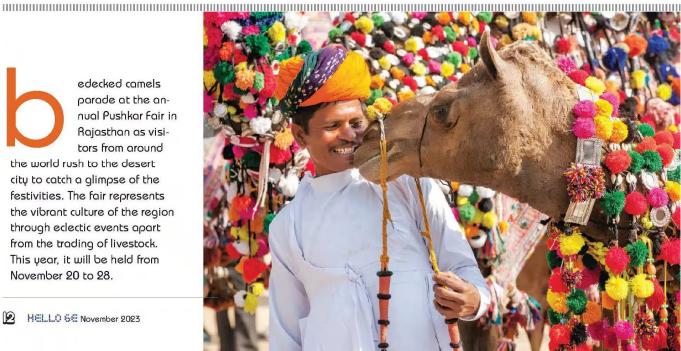
around the world

Here's a sneak peek into what's in store from the genres of travel, lifestyle, festivals, books and tech.



rt Mumbai 2023 is an art fair with national and international galleries putting up their artworks on display. The fair is being organised from November 16 to 19 at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse. It is a showcase of finely curated modern and contemporary art in India, juxtaposed with the charm of the city of Mumbai.

edecked camels parade at the annual Pushkar Fair in Rajasthan as visitors from around the world rush to the desert city to catch a glimpse of the festivities. The fair represents the vibrant culture of the region through eclectic events apart from the trading of livestock. This year, it will be held from November 20 to 28.





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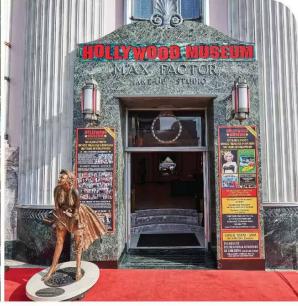


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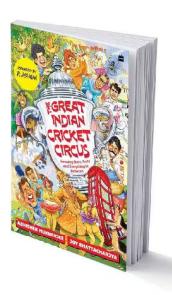


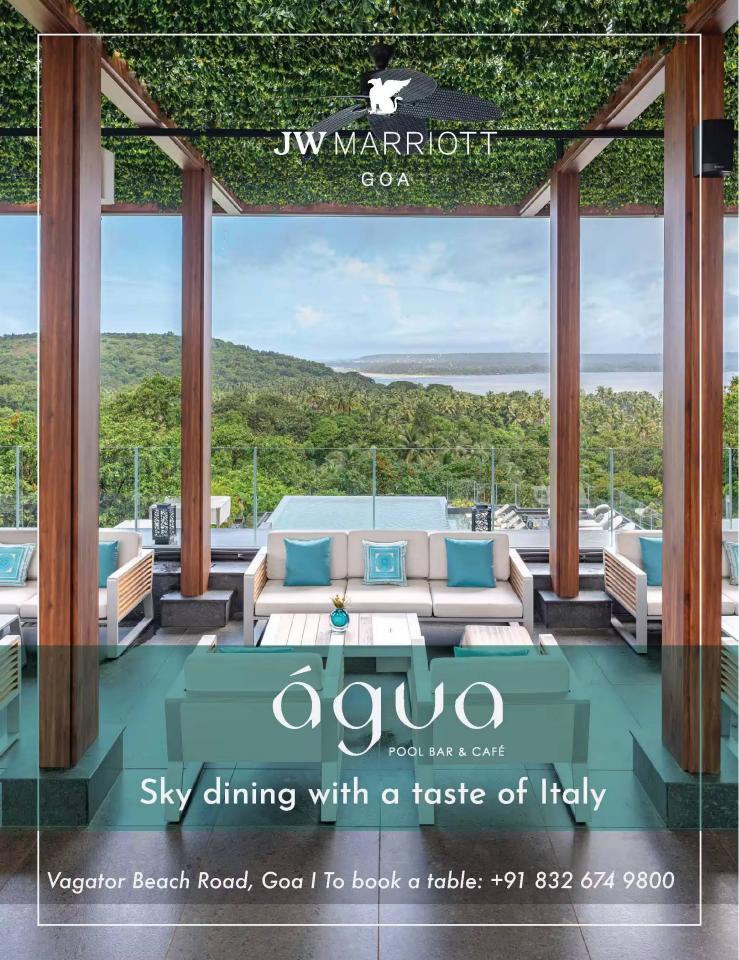


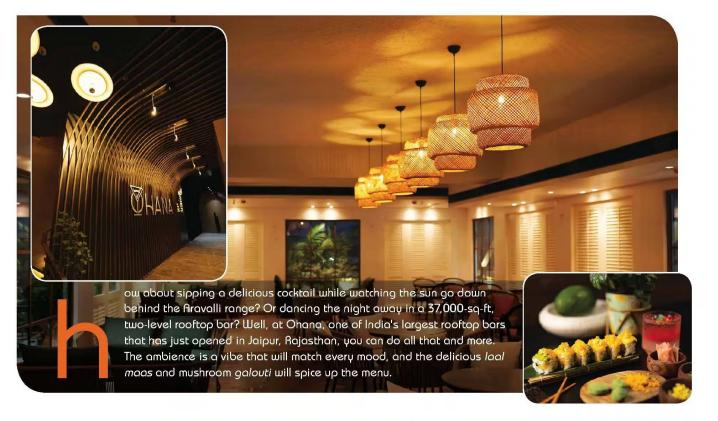
xplore the vintage side of Los Angeles through its iconic studios and restaurants. Visit its ground-breaking art-deco buildings and immerse in the rich history of the city. Notable sites in Los Angeles include the Biltmore Hotel, Warner Bros. Studios and the LA Memorial Coliseum. This year also marks the centennial of the famed Hollywood sign.

ilm lovers from around the country are flocking to the scenic town of Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, for the latest edition of the Dharamshala International film festival. Being

et a peek into the rollicking journey of more than a century of Indian cricketing history in this book titled The Indian Cricket Circus. Watch out for bewildering events, surprising anecdotes and facts, all compiled in a wacky and interesting way. This is the perfect book for cricket fans, trivia lovers or anyone looking for a fun read!

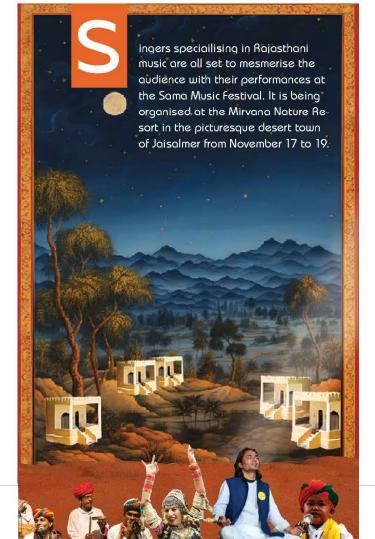








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RAISING RESILIENT GEN ALPHA FOR THE WORLD OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



n today's fast-paced world, the emergence of Gen Alpha, born in and after 2010, has significant implications for our future. This generation, fully immersed in the digital age, faces unique challenges. We spoke with Dr. Manimekalai Mohan, the visionary Founder of SSVM Group of Institutions, to gain insights into preparing Gen Alpha for the future.

How can we prepare Gen Alpha for the unpredictable future they will face?

Building resilience in Gen Alpha involves teaching them to adapt and thrive amidst uncertainties. For instance, if a child faces setbacks in a science project, guiding them to learn from mistakes fosters resilience. Introducing them to skills such as coding at an early age equips them to foster a proactive mindset with the ability to create technology rather than just consuming it. This mindset prepares them for future challenges, nurturing the ability to bounce back stronger, equipped with newfound knowledge and determination.

What role do you think emotional intelligence plays in preparing Gen Alpha for the future?

Emotional intelligence is a cornerstone for Gen Alpha's success in the future. Teaching them empathy, active listening, and self-awareness cultivates strong interpersonal skills. For instance, discussing real-life scenarios and encouraging them to consider different perspectives enhances their emotional intelligence. When they





Dr. Manimekalai Mohan Founder, SSVM Group of Institutions, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

encounter diverse viewpoints in the future, they'll approach challenges with understanding and collaboration, building a more harmonious society.

How can parents and educators inspire Gen Alpha to explore diverse opportunities in the ever-changing world and guide them to navigate the digital world responsibly?

Inspiring Gen Alpha involves exposing them to a multitude of experiences. Encourage their curiosity by introducing them to different cultures, professions, and hobbies, such as organising visits to community events or inviting professionals for career talks to broaden their horizons. This exposure helps them discover their passions, making them well-rounded individuals ready to seize diverse opportunities in the future. Responsible digital citizenship is vital for Gen Alpha. Parents and educators can lead by example, demonstrating ethical online behaviour. Additionally, teaching them about online privacy, cyberbullying, and media literacy empowers them to make informed decisions. For example, discussing case studies of online scams or misinformation helps them recognise potential pitfalls, enabling them to navigate the digital landscape safely and confidently.

In the face of rapid technological advancements, how can Gen Alpha cultivate a love for lifelong learning?

Instilling a passion for continuous learning begins with fostering curiosity. Introduce them to inspirational figures in diverse fields, and show them the excitement of discovery. For instance, organising national and international expeditions, industrial visits, and field trips to science museums or art galleries exposes them to different forms of knowledge, igniting their curiosity. By associating learning with excitement and exploration, Gen Alpha will approach new information with enthusiasm, adapting to the ever-changing world with a thirst for knowledge. In a world driven by technology, such skills prepare Gen Alpha to be creators, problem-solvers. and leaders, ensuring they are well-prepared for the limitless possibilities ahead.

What practical steps can families take to promote a healthy balance between technology and physical activities for Gen Alpha?

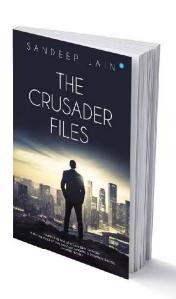
Balancing technology use with physical activities is essential. Designate specific screen-free times for family activities like hiking, cooking, or board games, to create cherished bonding moments. Moreover, involve Gen Alpha in sports, dance, or outdoor games to instil a love for physical activities. Organising weekend family bike rides encourages outdoor play while strengthening family bonds. Additionally, expose them to innovative thinkers and inventors through documentaries and books. By integrating physical activities into their routine, Gen Alpha learns the value of a healthy lifestyle, ensuring they grow up with habits that promote both physical and mental well-being. This exposure sparks their imagination and encourages them to think out of the box. By fostering a creative atmosphere at home, Gen Alpha learns that imagination knows no bounds, preparing them to tackle future challenges with inventive solutions and boundless creativity.



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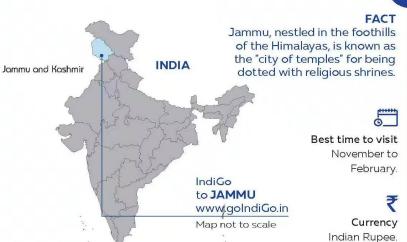
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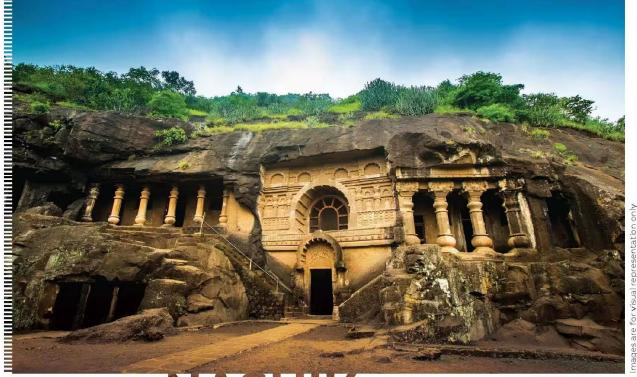
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FACT

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Best time to visit November to February.



Currency Indian Rupee.

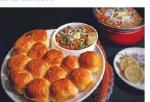


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Visit the Dadasaheb Phalke memorial, a memorial of the father of Indian cinema. Experience peace at Panchvati on the bank of Godavari River, where Sita's Gumph (cave) is located. Don't miss the beautiful Kalaram Mandir here.

EAT RIGHT



Relish Maharashtrian delicacies like zirka (peanut and sesame gravy). Dig into street food such as vada pav and misal pav. Nashik is also popular for its chivda (flattened rice mixture). Enjoy sweets like shrikhand puri and puran poli.

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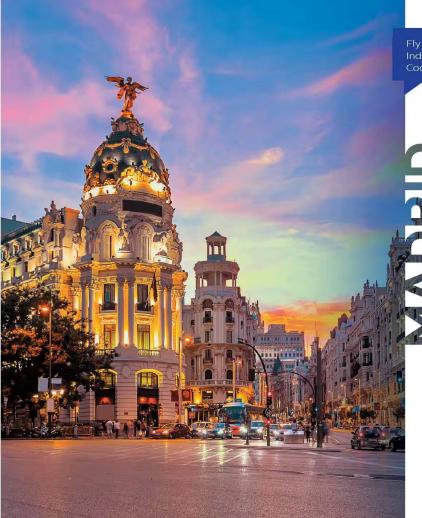
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EAT RIGHT



Enjoy gazpacho, a chilled soup made with fresh ripe tomatoes, olive oil, garlic and bell peppers. Taste tortilla espanola or Spanish omelette made with eggs, potatoes and onions.

GIFTING ZONE



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OffBeat

From Diwali to Deepotsay and from Chhath to Karthigai Deepam, here are the grand Indian festivals we are looking

Words Namita Kumar

forward to.

Diwali. the grand festival of lights, celebrates the victory of good over evil and the return of Lord Rama from his 14-year-long exile after defeating Ravana. Celebrations start with the day of Dhanteras, when it is considered auspicious to buy jewellery or utensils. The second day, Naraka Chaturdashi, marks the slaying of the demon king Narakasura. In Goa, this is a vibrant festival. The day is also called Chhoti Diwali. On the third day, Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi are worshipped as homes are beautifully decorated with lights. West Bengal celebrates Kali Puja. The fourth day of the festival is devoted to

> Govardhan Puja and on the fifth day is Bhai Dooj.

Diwali

Ode to

November 12

Dev Deepawali

November 26

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Varanasi or Kashi is said to be the holu abode of lord Shiva. located on the banks of River Ganga in Uttar Pradesh, this ancient city has been a major centre of spirituality, education, music and crafts. Varanasi celebrates grand festivals throughout the year, but among the grandest is Dev Deepawali. Said to be the "Diwali of Gods", Dev Deepawali is celebrated every year, around two weeks after Diwali. On this day, devotees light divas along the ghats (stepped banks of a river) of River Ganga. As the sun sets, the *ghats* come alive with lights, chants, music

and prayers.



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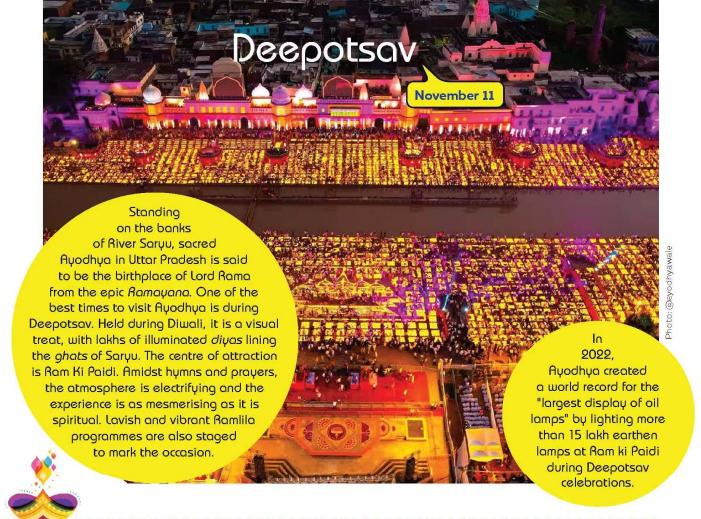
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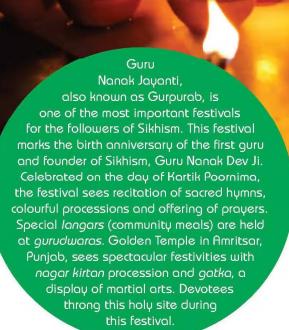
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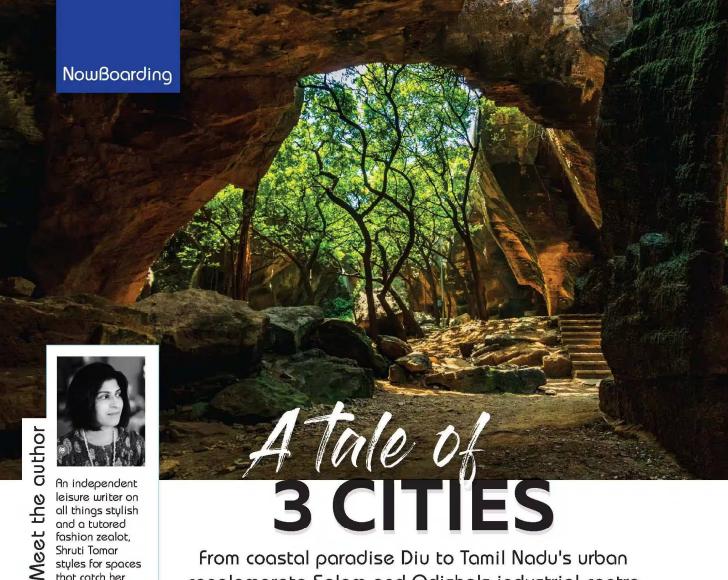
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From coastal paradise Diu to Tamil Nadu's urban conglomerate Salem and Odisha's industrial centre Jharsuguda, we go deeper into the heart of India.

Words Shruti Tomar

DIU

An ancient land perched in the Arabian Sea, off the coast of Kathiawad in Gujarat, Diu was a bustling centre for centuries. The documented history of the island starts with the Maurya rule (322-220 BC), when the founder of the Mauryan empire, Chandragupta Maurya extended his supremacy over Saurashtra. Much later came the Portuguese, who ruled for nearly 400 years. Today, the idyllic coastal town with golden unspoilt beaches offers a magical mix of heritage and quaint colonial charm. Connected to the mainland

via bridges, Diu is strongly influenced by the Kathiawad culture, which can be seen in the local language, dressing style, food habits, customs and practices and other cultural elements. The food here is a unique blend of Gujarati and Portuguese cuisine. If you are a sea-food lover, do try the beach-side eateries.

Almost the entire coastline of Diu is a beach, but Ghoghla, Jallandar (Jallandhar), Chakratirth, Nagoa and Gomtimata are the main stretches of soft golden sand. Ghoghla and Nagoa offer adventurous water sports.



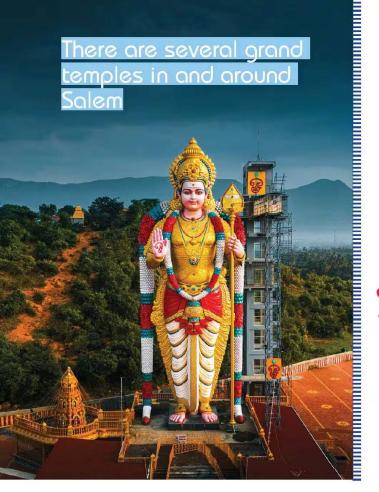
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Away from the sea, discover Firangiwada a hamlet once inhabited by the Portuguese community. Stroll by the churches and colonialera houses and be regaled by tales from the past.



Nearby

About 60 km away is the Gir National Park, a wild sanctuary for the lion. About 80 km away is the sacred Shree Somnath temple. Porbandar, Mahatma Gandhi's birthplace is about 200 km away and so is the holy Girnar mountain, a popular pilgrimage destination for Jains and Hindus.

SALEM

Known for its mangoes, cassava (tapioca is extracted from the cassava root), textile mills and steel plant, Salem is one of Tamil Nadu's most important cities. It also has a rich history dating back to the Stone Age, with Paleolithic and Neolithic stone implements having been discovered in and around Salem. The city has a vibrant culture dating back to the ancient times. The serene city of Salem is surrounded by lush greenery and offers several hiking paths for adventure-seekers. The city and its surrounding region have several beautiful temples, which showcase grand architectural style.



Nearby

One of the most popular attractions near Salem is the unique Sankagiri Fort, around 40 km away. The gigantic Mettur Dam, standing around 50 km ашау, is an equally sought-after spot. The popular hill-station of Yercaud is just 30 km away and around 90 km away is Hogenakkal, where is located the eponymous waterfall with a mesmerising vista. The grand Kiliyur Falls, is another popular attraction near Salem.

JHARSUGUDA

Modern-day Jharsuguda, also known back in the day as Jharguda was, according to local folklore, a small settlement surrounded by a dense forest teeming with wild animals. With the advent of industrialisation and the discovery of rich mineral reserves in surrounding areas, it wasn't long before the British government built a railway station here. Today, Jharsuguda has several sobriquets to its merit such as the Powerhouse of Odisha, owing to the thermal power plants located here. Jharsuguda is culturally rich and hosts various festivals and fairs throughout the year. Some of the popular festivals are Ratha Yatra of Kukurjunga (Kukurjangha) and Gokulashtami Jatra of Rajpur.



Nearby

Jharsuguda is surrounded by many popular sites like Koilighughar Waterfall, a lovely picnic spot. Pay your respects at the ancient Jhadeswar temple and history enthusiasts can get their fill at the ancient Bikramkhol cave, which has mysterious pictorial depictions. Ulapgarh (Ulapgarg), around 25 km from Jharsuguda, is known for ancient paintings. Don't miss Chandi Mandir, located inside a naturally formed cave on the banks of a river. Also nearby is Sambalpur, Odisha's cultural epicentre, known for its eponymous saree.



amil Nadu's lush greenery is enriched by its extensive spice, tea, and coffee plantations, which embody the region's rich cultural traditions and vibrant customs.

Yelagiri

The tranquil environs of the hill station of Yelagiri are enveloped in a mild aromatic zephyr, which brings with it the scent of cardamom. Rainfed crops like mango and citrus are also grown here. The beautiful Cardamom Hills are nearby, which produce tea, coffee and bamboo, apart from cardamom. Spectacular waterfalls, nature parks and lakeside picnics make Yelagiri the perfect locale for a restful weekend.

Valparai

Located on the rolling Anamalai hills in Valparai are undulating tea and coffee plantations spread over 12,500 hectares, promising one of the most breathtaking plantation tours amid evergreen forests. Farned for its unspoiled scenic allure, Valparai is considered to be one of the younger planting districts in South India and is about 108.4 km from Coimbatore. The region is also known for spice plantations including cinnamon, cardamom, pepper and cloves. Valparai also boasts pristine views of waterfalls, hillocks, fairytale forests, and endless stretches of green.

Coonoor

Coonoor is home to gigantic terraced velvety tea gardens situated in the midst of lush fragrant hills. The Dolphin's Nose viewpoint is the most well-known for its panoramic view of the verdant hills. En route, there are many beautiful green tea estates as well, as one meanders along the hilly terrain. These estates are famous for Nilgiri tea, processed in local factories. Among these, the Highfield Tea Estate, which is more than 50 years old, houses one of the most well-known Nilgiri tea factories open to visitors to watch the entire tea-making process.

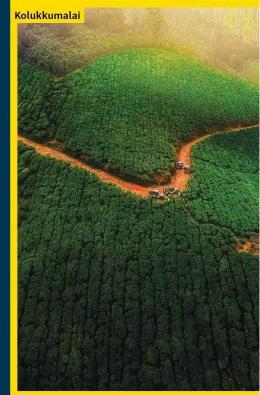
Megamalai

This destination is a picturesque haven of valleys, waterfalls and cloudy misty mornings. It is located in the Western Ghats in Theni district near Kumily. Popularly known as High Wavy, the landscape is covered with dense cardamom and tea estates. The cool climate and resplendent surroundings make the place perfect for trekking and hiking. The plantation workers also engage visitors by showing various aspects of the cultivation in this eco-paradise.

Kolukkumalai

This is home to one of the highest tea plantations in the world. It is a small hamlet, situated at about 2200 m above sea level, in Bodinayakanur Taluk in Theni district. Kolukkumalai continues to produce tea using antiquated traditional methods, lending a different level of freshness and flavour that is much sought-after. The serene, calm hilltops offer an awe-inspiring view of nature, which is soothing to the eyes.





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HOYSALA TEMPLES

The sacred group of the Hoysala temples, nestled in the heart of Karnataka, has recently been included in the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage List.

Constructed in the 12th and 13th centuries, the "Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas", represented by Belur, Halebeedu and Somanathapura, bear witness to remarkable creativity and expertise of Hoysala artists and architects, who crafted these unparalleled masterpieces.

Chennakeshava Temple, Belur

The Chennakeshava Temple is a masterpiece of engineering and artistry. Built in around 1116 AD, the temple is the pride of Belur, which was the erstwhile capital of the mighty Hoysala empire. The temple is believed to have taken around 100 years to be built and stands on a platform and looks like a huge casket. The towering ornamental gopuram of the temple dominates the compound. Equally remarkable are the winged figure of Garuda, Lord Vishnu's divine carrier at the entrance, and the tall unique stone pillar in the courtyard. The piece de resistance is the stunning sculpture of Darpana Sundari (lady with a mirror), the epitome of beauty, grace and charm. The most photographed, however, are the figures of madanikas (celestial nymphs), which are chiseled to perfection.

Hoysaleshwara Temple, Halebeedu

Just 17 km from Belur, in Halebeedu (Halebidu), is located the Hoysaleshwara temple, which is a sculptural extravaganza. The temple's base has rows of friezes carved with elephants, lions, horses and floral scrolls. Its walls are adorned with intricately carved Hindu deities, stylised animals and birds and sculptures depicting scenes from epics like the Ramayana and Mahabharata. It is believed that no other temple in the country captures the Indian epics as elegantly as this one.

Keshava Temple, Somanathapura

Exquisitely carved, the Keshava Temple at Somanathapura forms

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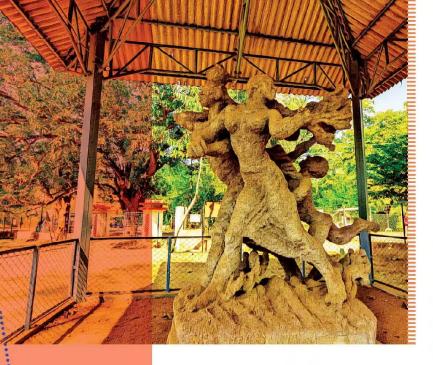
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the third node of the golden triangle of Hoysala architecture. It is stunning with triple towers, intricate friezes on its outer walls, incredibly ornate ceilings in the pillared hall, and flawlessly sculpted images of gods, goddesses, and scenes from the epics. It is extolled as a perfect example of Hoysala architecture, and is one of the best-preserved temples in the region.

THE ABODE OF TAGORE

Located roughly 200 km from Kolkata, Santiniketan beckons travellers with its rich tapestry of red soil, lush forests, quaint villages and the indelible heritage of Rabindranath Tagore, one of Bengal's most revered litterateurs and philosophers and a Nobel laureate. It is located in Bolpur, which is at the heart of many spiritual traditions and cultures such as Santhal and baul (wandering minstrels singing mystical songs) practices. Santiniketan was recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Visva Bharati

Santiniketan comes from two words (peace) and niketan (abode), santi which represents the vision of Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, the father of Rabindranath Tagore, who chanced upon this beautiful area and established an

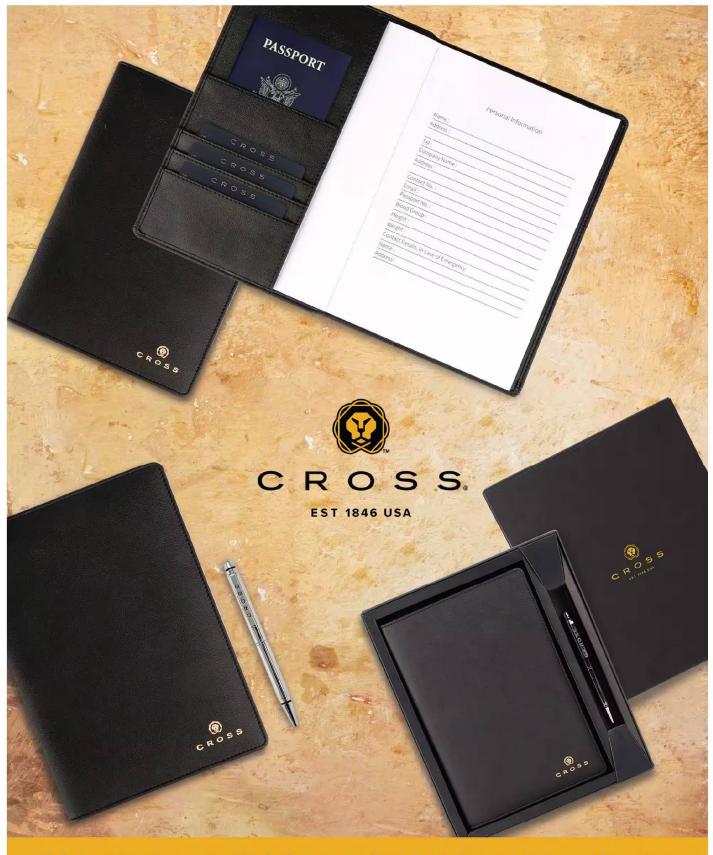
ashram (spiritual retreat) in 1863. A young Rabindranath Tagore would often wander among the groves and hillocks, immersing himself in its serenity far from the hustle and bustle of erstwhile Calcutta. In 1901, he established a school here - the acclaimed Patha Bhavana, and in 1921, he founded Visva Bharati, which is considered to be one of the most prestigious universities in India.

It was here that Tagore focused on educating young Indians to transcend religious, political and caste barriers. The classes were held amidst groves and students were taught social sciences, music, art, philosophy and community service, while groomed to be mindful of nature and biodiversity. This institution symbolised Tagore's ideal of Eastern cultures meeting Western disciplines, and was founded on nonviolence and nurturance of one's mind and soul.

Visit Santiniketan

A trip to Santiniketan is incomplete without a tour of the Visva Bharati complex that houses Maharshi Debendranath Tagore's meditation spot Chhatimtala, the Upasana Griha, a beautiful prayer hall constructed of glass, and Kala Bhavana, which is wellknown as a distinguished centre for visual art practice and research in India. Also visit the Uttarayan Complex, Notun Bari and Rabindra Bhavana. The latter houses a museum where Tagore's literary and artistic works as well as his awards are on display.

One of Santiniketan's most popular events is the annual Poush Mela, a large fair held in the month of Poush (falls around December and January), which attracts tourists from across the globe. Originally celebrating the winter harvest, this fair has evolved over the years to become an extensive exhibition of arts, crafts and cultures of rural Bengal, including performances by bauls. Winters are also perfect for safaris at Ballavpur Wildlife Sanctuary and Deer Park, and for a quiet stroll and picnic along the Kopai river!



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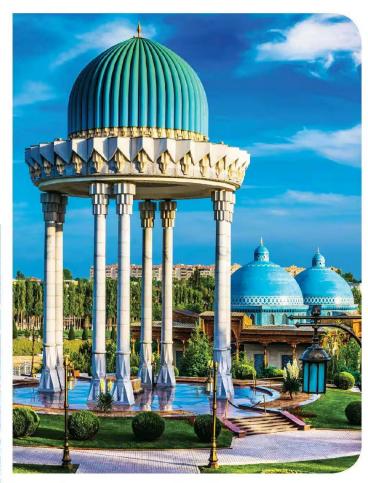
A crucible of culture for more than two millennia, Uzbekistan is home to fascinating ancient cities that narrate the intriguing history of the Silk Route. One of the most impressive showstoppers of Central Asia, Uzbekistan is an off-the-beatentrack destination that is gradually becoming popular with tourists. Whether it is the ancient city of Bukhara, historic Samarkand or the modern capital of Tashkent, Uzbekistan will leave you awestruck with its stunning architecture, dramatic landscape and a vibrant culture. Sip the local tea while breaking the local bread and delve into the glorious past of this region.

SAMARKAND

Samarkand is rightfully Uzbekistan's most bejeweled and famous city, with its iconic medieval mausoleums, grand squares, and incredibly delicious cuisine. No wonder poets and historians described the city as "The Pearl of the Eastern Muslim World". The mythical and key trading city of the ancient Silk Road, Samarkand's history dates back more than two millennia. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Samarkand was a melting pot of cultures, where the East met the West, fostering a unique blend of traditions that still resonate in its architecture and art.

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Some of the most beautiful monuments here include Gur-e Amir, the site of Timur's mausoleum, Shah-i-Zinda, a street of monuments with stunning Timurid-era tilework and Registan Square, featuring three madrasas (Islamic religious schools), each having its own story and history.



TASHKENT

Uzbekistan's modern capital Tashkent, is an apt introduction to the stunning architecture of the country. The city was almost completely rebuilt after a disastrous earthquake and only a few monuments survived. Today, this sprawling metropolis is a fascinating kaleidoscope of a modern city with parks, fountains and museums, coexisting with bustling bazaars and ancient mosques. A metro ride is the best way to explore Tashkent and the stations too are stunning with unique themes and an opulent ambience. For a taste of luxury, try any of the upscale restaurants or boutiques near the Amir Temur Square.

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Do not miss Chorsu Bazaar, one of Tashkent's most famous markets. The Chorsu Square was the trade centre of the city in the past.



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Uzbek crafts are extremely well-known, especially ceramics, with hubs at Tashkent, Samarkand, Khorezm. Gijduvan and Rishtan. Uzbek textiles have deep roots and the silk fabrics of Margilan are distinguished by the play of colours and amazing patterns. Try a wine tour in Samarkand as well.

BUKHARA

With its winding alleys and bustling bazaars, Bukhara is the quintessential Silk Road city and the residence of the former rulers. Strolling between the numerous arches and cupolas of the old city feels like walking back in time. The sheer mastery and craftsmanship that went into building the monuments and walls of this city will mystify tourists. The best way to explore Bukhara is to walk in the dense network of back streets that conceal many monuments. The streets are filled with madrasas, Sufi shrines, traditional courtyard-style guesthouses and even a synagogue.

The Poi-Kalyan complex includes the Kalyan minaret, the Miri Arab and Emir-Alim Khan madrasas, and the Kaluan mosque. It is one of the most beautiful parts of the old town and is a must-visit.



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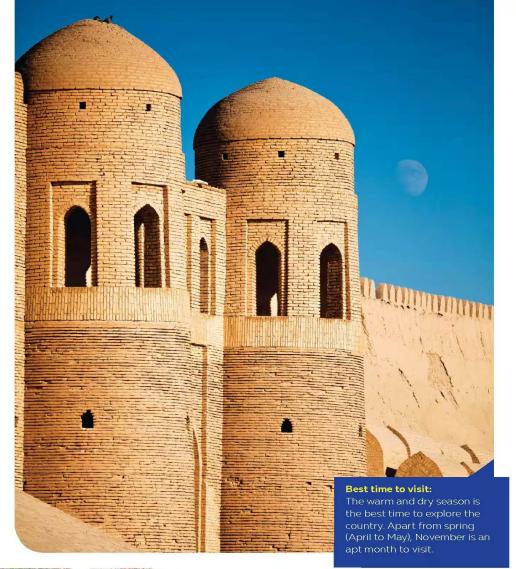
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Uzbek food is distinct in its flavour, with a generous use of meat in most dishes. local fruits and fresh vegetables are also used. Each meal in Uzbekistan is served with a local bread called non.

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KHIVA

Khiva's origins can be traced back to the 6th century when it was founded as a small oasis settlement along the Silk Road and was known for its advanced culture and stunning architecture. Khiva is a fascinating town, with its inner city, Itchan Kala, being rightfully listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

UNIQUE FACTS

Khiva's walled city, called Itchan Kala, has been described as an open-air museum and houses over 50 historical sites and monuments, including palaces, mosques and minarets that stand in a maze of narrow medieval streets lined with bazaars.

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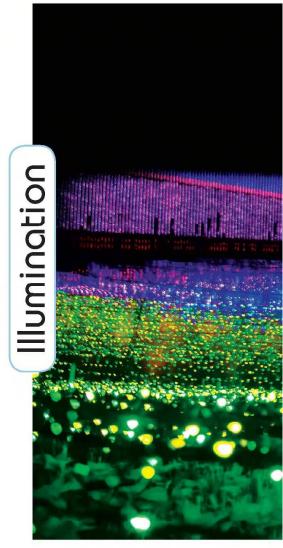
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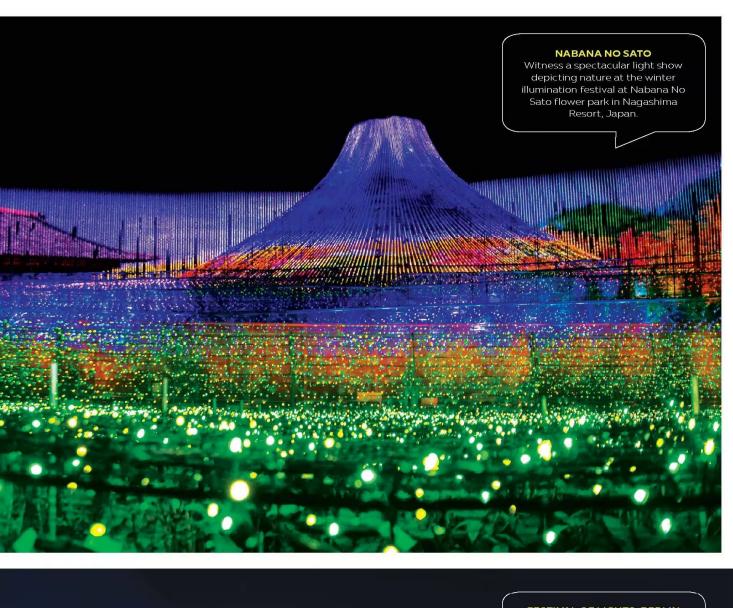
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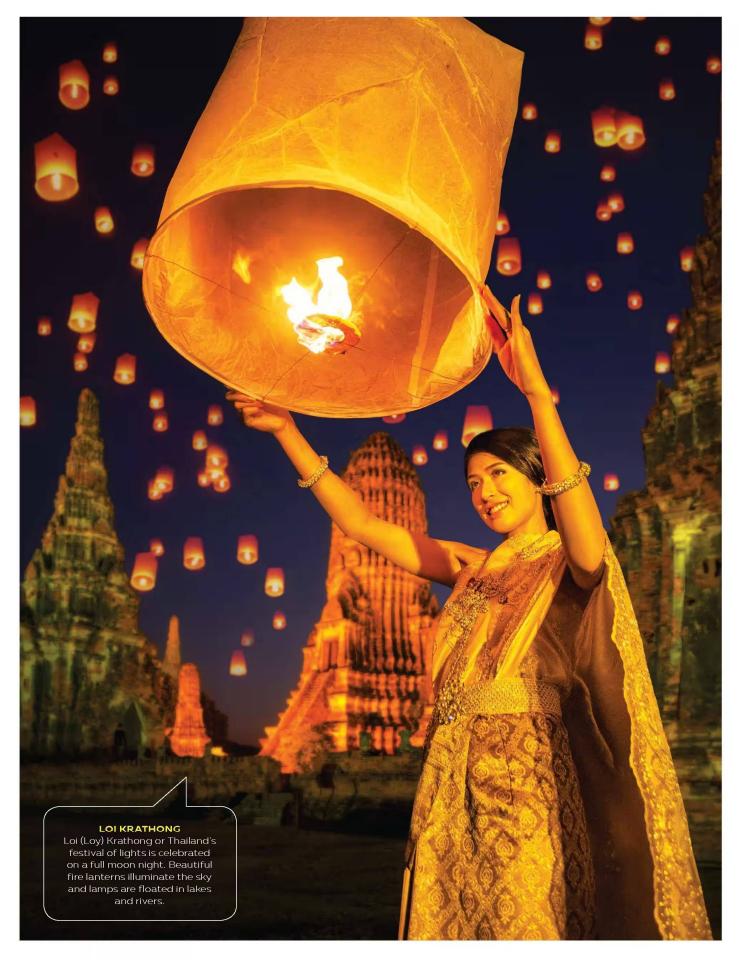




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Manimekala Fuller

During the G2O Summit held in New Delhi in September, as world leaders met, Akshata Murty, the wife of United Kingdom's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, turned heads with her sartorial choices, especially a chic lavender dress. The breezy, marble-print ensemble was symbolic of her British and Indian connection as it had been designed by Manimekala Fuller, a UK-based designer with Indian connect. The young designer, who is half Indian and half British, says her designs are coloured by her experience of seeing handmade clothes.

Ecstatic to have been chosen by Murty, Fuller, in a candid tete-a-tete, talks about how her Indian roots inspired her journey into the world of fashion.

Who is the Manimekala woman?

Women of all ages can wear my designs. It gives me immense joy to find clients in their 20s to 70s. I never wanted to follow fashion that was exclusionary and aimed only at young women so that target is met.

The story so far

I have grown up seeing clothes being embroidered or sewn by hand at home in India, especially on the maternal side of my family. I have always loved making clothes and am fascinated by how what we wear affects our thoughts, feelings and behaviour. I studied Arts and then went on to study Fashion Design in London. While I grew up in Manchester, I regularly visit relatives in Mumbai and

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Desian influence

In a sea of pastels that primarily rule British mood-boards, my instinct for colour and pattern, derived from my Indian heritage, stands out. But in silhouettes, I prefer a more Western style. I enjoy European fashion from the 1950s and '70s, with long, flowing skirts with fitted waists. My designs combine these elements with simple but elegant silhouettes, created with bold colours and intricate textile prints.

The UK First Lady Akshata Murty

Through my label, I experiment with traditional handcrafted techniques and develop them in combination with new technologies to create original textile designs. My label's signature print is marbling, and I am currently experimenting with hand dyeing techniques like *ikat*. My designs are inspired by an amalgamation of different influences, and are often very personal, linked to feelings or memories.

Sustainability

Sustainability and practicality are very important to me - I only use natural fibres. Occasionally, I use upcycled dead-stock fabrics. I never design anything I wouldn't wear myself and I test wear every new design before releasing it, to make sure it's easily wearable and comfortable. Also, everything has pockets! I feel if I am going to create more clothing, then it is my duty to put the value back into clothing and textiles and support the people who make them. There are many incredible textile crafts that are struggling to survive, and if we don't support the communities who create them, the knowledge and skills will die.

The Akshata Murty Moment

We received a request from Ms Murty for one of our Valli dresses. As the G2O summit was being held in India, she was keen to wear brands with an Indian or British-Indian connection. I am fortunate to have dressed many notable women in the UK and beyond, but this was a very special platform. It was humbling to see her wear one of my designs; it's a career highlight for sure!

Manimekala and Movies

Designing costumes for movies would be quite different as it's all about creating an immersive world. The details in costumes can tell a whole backstory about a character that the film narrative might not have time to go into. For instance, in *Bridgerton's* season 2 (OTT series), every character wore gowns. But for the characters of the Sharma sisters (Kate and Edwina Sharma), the colours, motifs and jewellery chosen represented their Indian heritage! For viewers of similar heritage who recognise these details, it can be very emotional to see your identity represented in popular media.

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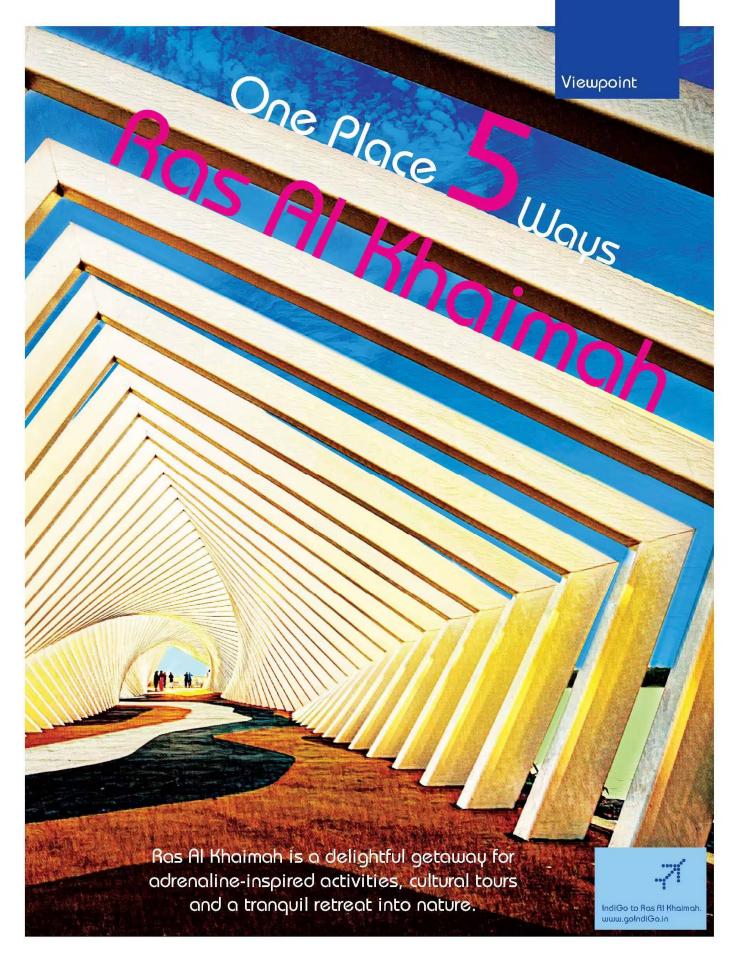


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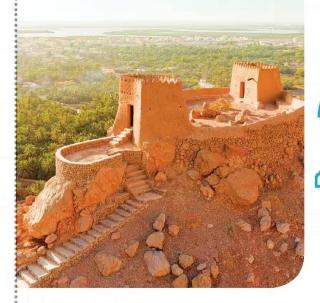
DHAYAH FORT

A beautiful castle-like fort standing atop a 70-m hill, the Dhayah Fort dates back to the late Bronze Age. It's been said that during this period, the locals used the fort for settlement and fortification. It has over 200 zigzag steps, which lead to a panoramic view.



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JAIS SLEDDER

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RAK MALL

Shopping One of the most popular shopping centres in Ras Al Khaimah, Rak Mall is dotted with local and international brand stores, entertainment facilities, food court, and much more. Sparky's is an extraordinary entertainment facility here, with rides and attractions.



KUWAITI SOUQ

Established over half a century ago, Kuwaiti Soug lies in the old town of Ras Al Khaimah and comes to life in the evenings. Walk around the shops selling beautiful garments, vibrant rugs, gold jewellery and other ancient wares.

Food

SHAWARMA

One of the most popular Middle Eastern dishes. shawarma consists of thin slices of chicken/lamb cooked with flavourful spices. It is served with bread, lettuce solad and tahini sauce.

RAK NATURES TREASURES

This natural history museum has a collection of over 2500 preserved fossils, seashells, preserved insects, gemstones, and taxidermy animals and birds from around the world. It also has a salt room, a cactus garden, a reptile room, a greenhouse, a turtle pond and more.



NATIONAL MUSEUM

This museum includes a collection of archeological and ethnological artefacts. On display are discoveries from the earliest settlers through to the late Islamic period, apart from glimpses of traditional life in the Emirate, pearl diving and ancient architecture.



FALAFEL

Falafel is now a popular dish relished across the world. These are crispy fried balls made with ground chickpeas and spices and are often served in a pita bread or simply with sauce.



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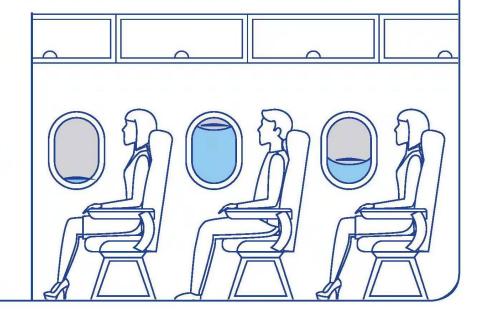
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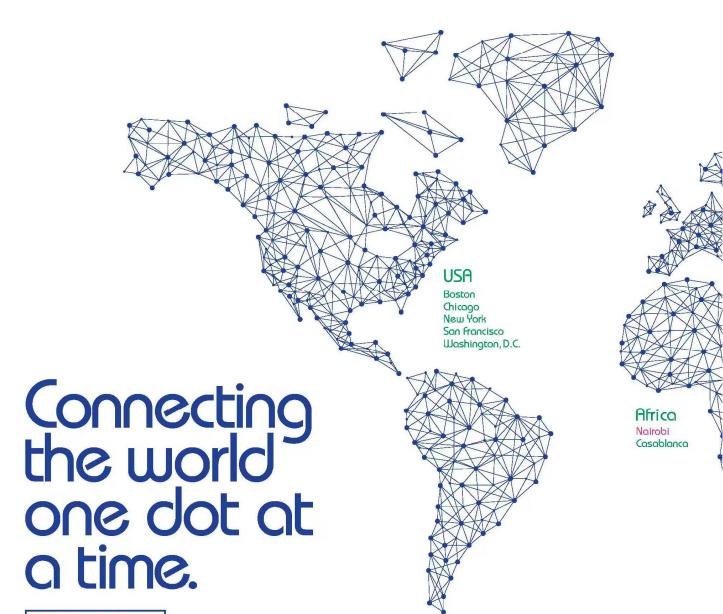
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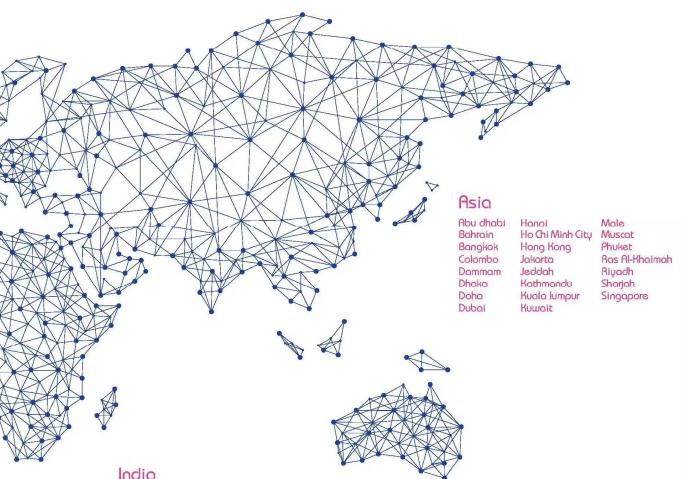
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